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## 70 families to benefit from hamper program

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
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Approximately 70 Didsbury-area families were expected to receive Christmas hampers yesterday, thanks to the hard work of local volunteers and the generosity of the community.

With the hamper project beginning December 1, Linda Sirr, one of the founders of the 25-year Christmas Hamper project, was anticipating to be quite busy right up until the day of delivery.

"I start Friday and I won't see daylight until Monday...it takes a while," she said with a smile last week.

Sirr and a few other ladies began the project 25 years ago after Sirr became aware of families in need.

"I've always done food hampers...we had a bus ministry where we picked up kids for Sunday school and so I always knew the families that were in need...one year, two ladies from town thought that it should be community wide...and it just spiralled to be the whole town," she explained about the community run program.

Sirr said this year she put a little extra boost into the project by informing people of the project earlier. "I put some energy into it this year. I showcased it (at Showcase Didsbury) and got some names for volunteers."

Sirr said the project always starts at the beginning of

December and deliveries are made on December 22.

"It just gives us a day if there have been any mistakes or extras - to fix it or make extras."

She added that it was hard to say whether or not last-minute names would come in but if it did happen they would make sure they had enough.

"If you're a regimental person...you can't do it. You got to be able to fly by the seat of your pants and you have to realize that it always comes - there's always enough...and if there isn't...well it's never been that way...there's never not been enough."

The community comes forward with names of people that could benefit from a Christmas hamper - a requirement is that they have a Didsbury phone number to qualify.

The hampers will consist of not only wrapped presents for the families but also non-perishable food and staple items.

"We try to help them...so that if they've over spent for Christmas they have something to fall back on in January...so it's not just a Christmas dinner," said Sirr.

There was a great turnout of donations of gifts by local residents, she added.

"The people that have bought gifts this year and taken angels from the tree and bought their gifts...they've done a good job and buying for the complete Christmas for the

person rather than just one thing is a very nice gift."

Volunteers are caught up in a whirlwind of sorting, wrapping and delivering.

"The day before, I go through with a few people and we look at the ages and the families and try and pick gifts for that family. On Sunday night they are wrapped...and if it's not equal or for the wrong age they go through the gifts again."

The amount of work involved in the program has never deterred Sirr.

"I've believed in this project or I wouldn't be doing it for 25 years."

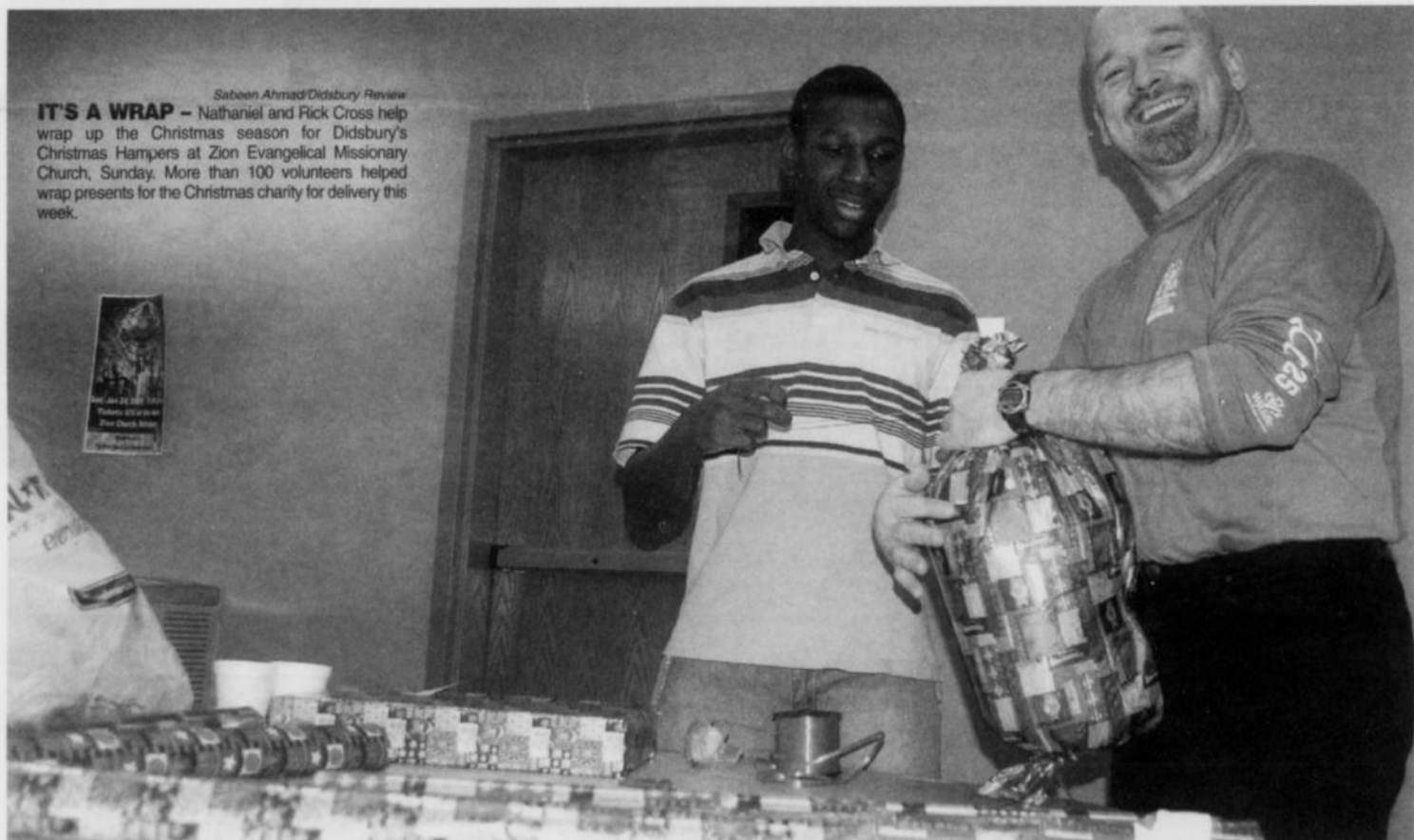
She acknowledged that projects like these don't always go off without a hitch and that sometimes mistakes can be made - a hamper might get missed or they might not have enough hampers prepared for an extra last-minute person. But in the end she said it all works out.

"You have to just watch it. It really is a God story."

Sirr believes that projects like these are important for a community.

"I feel that all of us need to care about our neighbours," she said, adding that a few days out of the year is not a large sacrifice to make to help out those in need.

"There's going to be glitches...there's always going to be glitches and I might have to work hard for all of those three days...but it's only three days."



*Sabeen Ahmad/Didsbury Review*  
**IT'S A WRAP** - Nathaniel and Rick Cross help wrap up the Christmas season for Didsbury's Christmas Hampers at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, Sunday. More than 100 volunteers helped wrap presents for the Christmas charity for delivery this week.

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# Christmas dinner served up Didsbury-style by community, for community

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

Although Christmas is often the time to gather with family and loved ones, some folks may not be able to. Ursula Krebs and Donnally McNeil are doing their part to ensure everyone is able to celebrate Christmas with someone.

The ladies will be hosting a Christmas dinner at the Elks Hall on Christmas Day. This dinner will be provided free of charge to anyone who may not be able to be with their loved ones this year.

"It's just a wonderful way to spend Christmas with so many people and it's not just for the needy, it's for everyone...especially if you're alone," says McNeil.

The dinner has been something that has been put on for a number of years. Linda Sirr took over the job that a family had started years ago, while she was working on food hampers.

"Last year Ursula and Donnally took over the job," Sirr says. While working on the hampers Sirr found it to be too much to run the dinner as well.

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DONNALLY MCNEIL

"They needed someone to cook the dinner last year and if they couldn't find someone they were thinking of cancelling it," says McNeil. "I thought, 'you can't cancel it,' so I offered." McNeil says that between herself and numerous volunteers they managed to cook the dinner and after that "I was hooked!"

This year McNeil will be bringing the turkeys to the dinner.

"My children and I decided we don't need to buy gifts for each other...my children chose for me to donate turkeys for the Christmas dinner."

Being a single mom for many years, McNeil decided to go long haul truck driving after her children left home. "I was gone for quite a few Christmases...when I was home my children were elsewhere for Christmas," she explains.

Though McNeil had heard about the dinner in the past she was under the impression it was for the needy and never attended. Which is why she enforces that the dinner is for anybody and everybody.

Last year the ladies fed 55 people and sent dinners to anyone who was shut-in as well. Anything that was left over was donated to the night staff at the hospital.

With the season of giving in full swing these ladies are definitely doing their part. But the number of volunteers that help out should not go unnoticed. "It amazed me the number of people that are really stepping up to the plate just to donate," McNeil says. She added that there were a number of men who have volunteered to deliver the dinners this year to shut-ins as well as one gentleman who offered to peel the potatoes on Christmas Day.

McNeil said they expected more people to attend this year simply because there was more awareness out about the dinner. She added, "[some] parents are on their own as children are grown and why cook a turkey for two?"

The dinner is not just restricted to residents of Didsbury. The ad for the dinner has been on the radio and McNeil says anybody who wants to attend is more than welcome and an RSVP is not necessary.

The dinner is expected to start at 1 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. During this time dinners will also be delivered to shut-ins. "I have already gotten a list of names from a care home and anybody that may know anybody who is shut-in can pass along their name to me."

There will also be a gift for those who attend. Everyone will be given a ticket as they enter the hall. There will be a display of gifts set up and as your number is called, you will be able to go up and choose a gift. There won't be a charge for this either.

It's clear that the spirit of giving is in the air in Didsbury and these ladies and the numerous volunteers who will be helping on Christmas Day prove that. "I'm more excited about Christmas doing this dinner than I have been in years...there's no need for people to be alone...especially on Christmas."



**JAILED** — Didsbury's Daniel Charles Haskett leaves Didsbury court Wednesday after being handed a 30-day jail sentence for animal cruelty and obstruction of justice. He will serve the sentence on weekends.

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## Animal cruelty case ends with jail

BY DAN SINGLETON  
For the Review

Animal rights activist Tamara Chaney says she is very disappointed with a 30-day jail sentence handed down last week to a man who took part in a what's been described as a shocking case of animal cruelty in Didsbury two years ago.

Daniel Charles Haskett, 21, was sentenced by Judge Ian Kirkpatrick in Didsbury provincial court on Dec. 17. Besides the jail sentence, Haskett was also ordered to complete 40 hours of community service and to adhere to a nighttime curfew.

"I think it is a very pathetic sentence," said Chaney, a Didsbury resident. "Thirty days on the weekends? What is that? It's pathetic. I would have loved to see the maximum sentence."

"I'm so disappointed, especially for Daisy Duke (the dog in the case). I don't understand how he (the judge) can consider duct-taping an animal's legs together, duct-taping her mouth shut, tying a plastic bag around her neck, smashing her skull in... and not call it intentional."

Haskett pleaded guilty in 2007 to a charge of animal cruelty and obstruction of justice. He received a concurrent sentence on both charges, and will serve his sentence at the Red Deer Remand Centre on weekends.

Haskett and a male young offender were charged after a Lab-collie cross named Daisy Duke was found severely injured on a Didsbury street in October 2006.

In an agreed statement of facts, Haskett admitted that he and a young offender decided to kill the dog, a Haskett family pet, after the young offender inadvertently ran it over with his car.

The pair admitted placing a plastic bag over the animal's head, and when it resisted, they duct-taped its mouth and legs.

After the young offender struck the animal with a shovel, the pair agreed to have the young offender drag the animal by a tow rope behind a car.

The animal's injuries included a fractured skull, pelvis, lumbar spine, severe abrasions, and profuse bleeding.

The animal was put down after being found abandoned on a Didsbury street by bystanders.

The young offender pleaded guilty to related charges and was sentenced to probation and ordered to complete 240 hours of community service.

In sentencing Haskett last week, Judge Kirkpatrick said he took into account the fact that the animal was first accidentally injured before being harmed further by the accused.

"While the dog probably suffered unduly, it wasn't intentionally hurt in the first place," said Kirkpatrick. "This did not occur out of any malice or hatred of pets."

The judge did say the animal was "mistreated in a horrendous fashion."

Haskett declined to comment as he left court following his sentencing.

Outside court, defence lawyer Alan Pearce said he believes the sentence is fair.

"This was more or less a misguided attempt at euthanasia," said Pearce. "The dog was accidentally run over initially. The sentence is not what I asked for, I asked for a conditional sentence, but having said that, it is significantly less than what the Crown was seeking."

"I think he (Haskett) is happy it's over. I think he's happy to have this behind him. Everybody is glad it's over."

Crown prosecutor Haight said while he would have liked to have seen Haskett jailed for five months, "at very least a jail sentence was imposed and I'm satisfied with that."

"This was not an accident and indeed the Crown's position was that it would not be accurate to even characterize it as euthanasia," Haight.

"These two individuals were simply trying not to get into trouble and in doing so inflicted horrific suffering to this animal."

The jail sentence should send a message that the courts take animal cruelty offences seriously, he said.

"It seems to me that judges do take these offences seriously," he said. "The judge felt that the circumstances were somewhat unique and so he gave the lesser jail sentence. It seems that the justice system is starting to take these cases seriously. The judge made it quite clear that only time in custody will count in terms of incarceration time."

"Certainly the public takes these kinds of offences very seriously," he added.

Haight said he was disappointed that the judge declined a Crown request that Haskett be prohibited from being around animals in the future.

"The Crown's position is that it would be inappropriate to subject any other animals to the sort of risk involved with this individual living with this animal and perhaps even undertaking some caregiving duties," he said.

A number of animal activists were in attendance during the Dec. 17 sentencing, several carrying banners and placards calling for harsher penalties for persons convicted of animal cruelty.

Tamara Chaney said the support she received for a petition she started following the dog's death — the petition that eventually garnered 110,000 signatures and was tabled in the House of Commons — is an indication of the public's desire for tougher animal cruelty laws.

"The support has been unbelievable, all across Canada. We want stiffer laws to protect animals. This case has been followed so closely. I haven't heard of another case being like this," said Chaney.

On Dec. 17 Chaney and others started up a second petition called the "Stop Animal Cruelty Petition." It calls for the federal government to toughen Canada's animal cruelty laws.

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JUDGE IAN KIRKPATRICK



## JED Oil Inc. sells assets

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Didsbury Review

Following an announcement earlier this month of filing a second default status report, JED Oil announced, on December 10, on their website that they have sold their oil and gas assets.

The Didsbury based company had announced in August that it had applied for creditor protection under the federal Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA). The filing came after the company, which engages in the exploration, development and production of natural gas and crude oil in Canada and the United States, was unable to repay the \$40 million in notes that became due in February of this year and was in danger of being placed in receivership.

The protection, which was granted a 90-day extension in September until December 15, was to allow the company, which had declared a net loss of \$5.2 million US in the first half of 2008, an opportunity to find its financial footing.

According to their press release, the buyer of the Alberta assets is a private Alberta oil and gas company. The American assets will be purchased by a US limited partnership operated by a wholly owned subsidiary of the Alberta company.

The consideration for the assets is over \$4 million. The proceeds will be used as part of JED's reorganization under the creditor protection terms of the CCAA. Closing of the sale is subject to court approval and is required to occur before the end of the year.

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# Opinion

## Commentary The times they are a changing

IAN TAYLOR

With what's been happening lately in the world and in our country I'm reminded of the old Chinese curse – "May you live in interesting times." It looks as though education in this province is headed for some interesting times too.

The Minister of Education, Dave Hancock, has announced a new initiative entitled "Inspiring Education in Alberta". It will start in 2009 and is described as taking the form of a dialogue with Albertans. A steering committee has been announced (one of the members is our own superintendent, Jim Gibbons). The minister has already indicated some areas that need examining: special education, native and Metis education, technology as a learning tool, and the role of school boards.

"The discussions will focus on five key values – opportunity, fairness, citizenship, choice and diversity..." says the media release, and "It will result in a new vision for education..." To indicate his seriousness the Minister has promised to "open" the School Act in 2010 (something that would have to be done to change, for example, the role and function of school boards). Anyway, it does predict some significant changes.

One area that really fascinates me is how the world of computers and internet technology is changing the way students learn. We've already seen some impressive innovations in our own division. For example, the Bell eLearning Centre in Olds can hold video conferences with outlying schools like Delburne so that students there can participate in a lesson, both seeing what's going on, and being seen, and able to share in questions and answers. It means that students in our small high schools will be able to extend the range of courses they can take.

Communications technology has advanced so quickly and become so reasonably affordable that small portable and powerful devices like Blackberries and iPhones are now commonplace. The old model of computers in school was of big machines grouped together and wired in place in a "lab" where classes went perhaps a few times a week when it was their turn. Now we are moving to wireless connections where laptops or smaller devices can move with students as they go to different classes. Arrangements are also in the works for students to use their own machines at school in concert with the division's system.

It used to be that school was the place that housed the experts and the knowledge needed by students who wanted an education. You had to attend at certain times to receive that education. That concept is being increasingly undermined by the ease with which courses and subject matter can be accessed online at any time of the day or night by a generation of techno savvy students (now referred to as "digital natives").

With these changes some pundits have forecast the demise of school as we've known it, especially for older students but I think students will still continue to congregate together in a building on a daily basis to do the bulk of their formal learning.

The reasons are fairly obvious. First, some subjects and activities like drama, band, and most sports require group participation. Second is the need to access special facilities like gyms, science labs, industrial ed labs, home ec. labs and more recently, video conferencing rooms. Third is the natural inclination of most students to socialize.

For younger students especially there is also what's called the "custodial" function of school. A place where children can go to learn but also to be safe while most parents are out earning a living.

I predict that in 30 years' time things will outwardly look much the same as they do now, with students daily congregating at a place they call school. What will change most is the way they learn, especially with the help of technology, and that is another story.

Ian Taylor is the Didsbury area trustee for the Chinook's Edge School Division

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## Commentary

### A symbol of hope in tumultuous times

About this time every year several of the local churches fill their fellowship halls with well over a hundred nativity scenes, and few duplications. Some crèches have a lot of personal history attached to them, are fragile and obviously well used. Others are new. All are unique yet there is a common element to all, they celebrate the birth of Jesus.

When I go to see them, I am always amazed at the diversity of these crèches, the care that is given to them, and the history behind the acquisition of some. Words like, 'This was my grandmother's or my great-grandmother's,' speak of a long and valued tradition of celebrating Advent and the coming of the Messiah. Many individuals have been collecting their crèches for a long time. But more than being unique collections these beautiful displays reveal a long chain of Christian belief that of course dates to the early church. From painted manger scenes in the catacombs of Rome to gold and jeweled manger scenes of a later church, to the first living crèche of St. Francis of Assisi held in a small cave in Italy in 1223, believers have remembered, waited and have come together as few or many to worship the Advent of our Lord.

It is interesting that the crèche should evolve from a Catholic tradition to become one embraced by an ecumenical community and that is probably as it should be. As a symbol of Christianity, it is too valuable to be reserved exclusively for one Christian tradition.

But for me, rather than just being a symbol of Christ, the babe in a Manger, and that would be good enough, the crèche also becomes a reminder of hope.

This year it seems that we are faced with some very difficult situations to deal with. The world economy teeters on the brink of disaster, the Canadian Parliament dabbles in chaos, hundreds of people face uncertainty in the new year because they have lost all or much of the nest egg they were hoping to have for retirement or have lost or will lose their jobs. Instability and uncertainty seems to be the present norm.

Yet with all of this present darkness looming in the background of people's lives, the crèche, for me becomes a symbol of hope. It reminds me that we have just celebrated the majesty of Christ the King Sunday to end the liturgical year and now begin a new liturgical cycle again with the first Sunday of Advent, during which time we remember the humble babe Jesus born in an obscure place to common yet not so common parents. It reminds me of the words of the Apostle Paul in 1st Corinthians 3:11, "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

So each year people bring out their crèches and put them up, not as idols to be worshiped but as reminders of hope and Paul's words of Romans chapter 8.

Hope is not something you can think your way through. It is not something built on logic. Hope is not a feeling; feelings are deceiving - hope is not. False hope is deceiving and hopelessness is debilitating. Hopelessness, and its sister discouragement constitute one of the greatest threats to people throughout the world. These will be two of the most difficult elements of people's lives to deal with as we enter into the new year.

Hope is not someplace we can plot on a map or use GPS to find. Hope becomes a choice. Having hope does not mean that something will turn out well, it may not, for hope does not guarantee outcomes. Hope is a certainty that something though unseen, makes sense.

The crèche reminds me that I have made a choice. It becomes another reminder that I have made a choice to believe in God as opposed to not believing and that I have chosen to place my trust in Jesus, though arguments against believing can be equally as persuasive. Choosing to choose hope involves intent with reasoning and commitment to be in for the 'long haul' in someone whose birthday we celebrate on December 25.

In the context of our present world setting or community setting there is no place I would rather be situated than in a church surrounded by people who also share a common hope in what they also can not see. We may experience adversity, pain and economic adversity yet we remain committed to each other to walk together into the future no matter what it offers. The church despite its many faults still affords a place of stability in an unstable world.

May your life and/or church be filled with people of hope and people seeking hope. May hope become infectious and contagious for you and within your congregation and to those outside of it with whom you come in contact.

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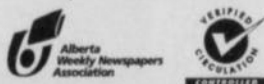
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### PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

#### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

#### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

*The Town Office will be closed the second Friday of every month from Noon to 1:00 pm (January 9, 2009)*

### NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS:

DP 121-08	77 Deer Coulee Drive	Single Family Dwelling	R1
DP 123-08	9 Deer Coulee Drive	Duplex with Secondary Suite	R2
DP 124-08	11 Deer Coulee Drive	Duplex with Secondary Suite	R2
DP 125-08	23 Deer Coulee Drive	Duplex with Secondary Suite	R2
DP 126-08	21 Deer Coulee Drive	Duplex with Secondary Suite	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **January 6, 2008**.

*Robert Wigg, Development Officer*

#### Rollout Cart Schedule December 2008

Black Bin Green Bin

Sun	M	T	W	Th	Fr	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### 6th Annual Didsbury Lion's Christmas Tree Chip-Off

**REMOVE** all ornaments, tinsel and metal objects. **Bring a Food Bank Donation** with your tree to the old bus barns by the Town of Didsbury's Operational Services office and enjoy a hot chocolate on January 3, 2009 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Food can also be dropped off at Didsbury AG Foods

For any questions, please contact Gerard at For Trees Company 403-335-8965 or trees@fortrees.ca

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The Town of Didsbury would like to thank everyone who participated in making the CP Rail Holiday Train event a success! We would also like to recognize the following organizations who made generous donations towards the event:

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### TOWN OF DIDSBURY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### Administration Office, Planning & Development & Public Works

December 23	8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon
December 24	CLOSED
December 25	CLOSED
December 26	CLOSED
December 29-30	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
December 31	8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED
January 2	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Didsbury Neighborhood Place

December 23	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
December 24	CLOSED
December 25	CLOSED
December 26	CLOSED
December 29-30	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
December 31	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED
January 2	CLOSED

#### Didsbury Aquatic Centre & Arena

December 25	CLOSED
December 26	CLOSED
January 1	CLOSED

Check out the full schedule on the website: [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)

*The Town of Didsbury Mayor, Council and Staff wish you all a safe and happy Christmas Season.*



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**Byron Sayer**

Town of Didsbury

Manager of Parks and Recreation

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### Bylaw Corner - Snow Removal

After a great November, like it or not, the snow and the cold are here. With the snow of course comes the shoveling. I need to remind everyone that the bylaw requires you to shovel the snow on the side walks adjacent to your homes within 24 hours. Those of you with corner lots are responsible for the sidewalks on either side of your lots. Also when shoveling it is important not to shovel the snow out onto the street., place the excess snow on your lawn or boulevard. If you are clearing an area of the street in front of your home you cannot pile the snow anywhere on the street. You must pile it off the street or the sidewalk.

Under the snow removal bylaw there are two offences:

1. Failing to remove snow from the sidewalk adjacent to your lot within 24 hours of the last snowfall.
2. Piling snow on the sidewalk or street.

Please dress warm and watch the ice. If you are a senior and are not able to shovel your own snow, please make arrangements to have it removed. Didsbury Seniors Support Services at 403-335-4391 may be able to assist you in finding a suitable solution.

Peace Officer D. Sutherland

### NEW PROPERTIES

**2008 SUPPLEMENTARY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2008**  
**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR NOTICE PLEASE CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE TAX DEPARTMENT AT 403-335-7354.**

### ARE YOUR TAXES PAID FOR 2008?

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**Know your tax status call Marilyn at 403-335-7354.**



There will be no charge for Christmas tree disposal at all Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission transfer sites this season. Trees will be accepted at the Didsbury Landfill, Water Valley Transfer Site, Sundre Transfer Site and Olds Transfer Site. For more information, please call the Waste Commission at 403-335-2005.



December slipped away quickly and frostily, and the three brief weeks of school were abundant with a flurry of activity.

On the top of the list was the "Get Real" program for the Grade 9s. The program dealt with issues regarding cruelty to one another, forms of abuse, personal choice, etc. Emotions were on high and more than a few were blowing their noses during the ordeal. One student commented: "It was surprising to see how many people are living in poor situations, we should be more aware of others' feelings."

The night of Thursday the 4th saw the "Winter Wonderland Dance". It being a formal dress the ladies were turned out admirably and the gentlemen looked sharp.

Following, was a week for basketball. Tuesday was the JV girls and boys home opener. The girls played a vigorous game against the Crossfield team and came up from 12 to 28 in the fourth quarter. This placed the final score at 28 to 32 for Crossfield, due to a foul shot in the last three seconds. Unfortunately I can't mention any names. The JV boys played a great offensive opener, beating Innisfail 79 to 53.

# Community Dragon's Eye



Wednesday the senior teams played their home openers, both winning. The SR girls defeated Sundre 67 to 35 while the SR boys thwarted their opponents, Sundre 84 to 36. Friday

the 12th and Saturday the 13th held the senior boys basketball tournament and after a course of well-played games they finished second overall.

Sunday we switched gears and engaged in the annual Christmas Concert/Silent Auction. I thought the gym looked festive- and everyone else seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely. The Grade 9s played a Christmas trio of pieces opening the doors for the senior band who played a very professional sounding concert. The jazz bands had lively tunes and featured skilfully played solos. Mr. Wassmer was a very ebullient conductor.

Monday, the students who made it to school were treated to a play by Ms. Guse's drama class titled: No Body to Murder. It was fun and comical at times -although the cross-dresser I could have lived without. It was a nice break from regular classes.

Wednesday the SR boys played yet again beating Cremona 100 to 41.

Which brings me to a conclusion, and all that's left to say is Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année!

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**Friday, December 12**

8:43 a.m.: Report from Township Road 31.0 that a deer ran into a vehicle.

10:07 a.m.: Report from Township Road 31.0 of a vehicle travelling eastbound and a deer came from the south side and collided with the vehicle.

1:15 p.m.: Complaint from Hwy. 2A of a calf on the road. Members attended and located the calf in the ditch. It then jumped back through an opening of the barbed wire fence. The owner of the farm was contacted and told to fix the fence.

5 p.m.: Complaint from a local store in Didsbury of a group of youth that had come in and then left in a hurry. One of the workers overheard one of the youth mention something about stealing something. Members could not locate youth of the description given and nothing was reported or found missing.

8:15 p.m.: Complaint from the Water Valley area from a male saying he heard an explosion. Fire and ambulance were en route and another call was received a short while later saying the explosion was a deep fryer that fell off a counter.

8:22 p.m.: Report from Hwy. 2 of a vehicle in the centre median. Driver was not sure where he was and lost control on the icy roads. The car had gone into the ditch. Members attended to ensure the driver was not injured.

**Police briefs**

BY SABEEN AHMAD  
Didsbury Review

**Saturday, December 13**

4 a.m.: Call from Carstairs of a potential domestic dispute in progress. Members attended and found that the spouse was trying to wake her husband up by throwing a pillow at him. The husband threw a pillow back and the wife got scared and called the police.

12 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of vandalism to a vehicle. A beer bottle had been thrown to the back of the vehicle and broke the window. Remains of the broken beer bottle were found inside the vehicle. No suspects were found.

1 p.m.: Complaint from Didsbury of a possible break-in at a residence. Residents had gone out and when they came home found both the front and back doors open. Residents did not lock their doors.

1:10 p.m.: Call from the rural area of Didsbury of a white pickup truck on its side. Nobody was inside the vehicle. When the owner was contacted he advised members that he had gone off the road and it had rolled. He was not injured and was having the vehicle towed. Driver filed an

accident report at the detachment.

3:24 p.m.: Complaint from Hwy. 22 of a dark SUV swerving all over the road driving on the shoulder and both lanes. Call was transferred to Cochrane as it was out of this area.

4:30 p.m.: Call from Hwy. 2 of a vehicle tailgating and driving erratically. Vehicle was located and pulled over by the police. Alcohol was not a factor but charges were laid.

8:05 p.m.: Call from the rural area of Carstairs of a break and enter to a residence. The front door of the residence had been kicked in and tracks were visible going in and out of the residence.

11 p.m.: Call from the rural area of Didsbury of a vehicle blocking the driveway of an acreage and the owners of the acreage could not get to their house. Members contacted the owner of the vehicle and he advised them that it had broken down and was making arrangements to have it towed. Members had a tow truck sent out immediately to have it done.

**Sunday, December 14**

7 a.m.: Call from out near the Burnt Timber Gas Plant reporting a blue flare in the sky. This was reported at the same time to Rocky Mountain House and Olds

and it was found to be a meteor in the sky.

2:50 p.m.: Report from Didsbury of a truck pulling kids on a toboggan behind the truck in a construction area. Members attended and the driver was spoken to and given a warning.

**Monday, December 15**

10:30 a.m.: Call from Carstairs reporting property damage. Someone had taken the caller's double water barrels, knocked them over and hid them under a tree.

10:40 a.m.: Report from the Burnt Timber area of an abandoned vehicle. Members had the vehicle towed.

2:10 p.m.: Call from Cremona advising that the caller had left their vehicle running and went into a town building for only 15 minutes. When they returned to their vehicle it was gone.

3:55 p.m.: Report of a hit and run at a local business in Didsbury. Caller had parked their car and went into business all day. When they returned to the car there was damage done to it.

**Tuesday, December 16**

1:15 a.m.: Complaint from Hwy. 2 of an abandoned vehicle. Owner of the vehicle said there was a transmission problem and he couldn't move the vehicle. He advised members that roadside assistance was coming to handle the vehicle.

9:37 a.m.: Call from Didsbury of a vehicle driving off the road into the ditch. Nobody was injured but the female driver appeared to be in shock.

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*Dr. Dianne Smith*

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

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will be held  
**Monday, January 19, 2009**  
at the Didsbury Hospital  
in the  
Education Conference Room (downstairs)  
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: Anyone interested in sitting on the Rosebud Health Foundation Board please attend as election of officers will take place. Any questions, call Clem Kuelker at (403) 335-3667 or Sharon Barefoot at (403) 335-7626.

## New Year's Eve



## Family Skate



## Pool Party

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**FOR AUNTY AMY** – Josh Skull has his Aunty Amy checked off on his Christmas list with the purchase of this lovely silk plant at the Ross Ford White Elephant Sale. The annual sale is in its 16th year and this was the biggest one yet say school officials. Every year the money raised is donated to the Didsbury Christmas Helpers. This year's donation is expected to total more than \$1,400.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

## Christmas 2008 message from the mayor

Snow is falling, Christmas music is playing and we are into the 12 days of Christmas countdown.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of Didsbury, my fellow councillors and the town staff for your patience over the past year as I have endeavoured to grow into the role of mayor.

I have appreciated your input and guidance as we work together to better our town.

2008 has been a busy and eventful year for Didsbury and 2009 promises even greater opportunities for our town to grow and prosper.

I would encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on the past year, count your blessings, and take the time to remember those who may need our support to help them through hard times that they may be experiencing.

Compassion is a true human characteristic that can have the greatest of impact on others and costs us nothing to give. Call someone you haven't heard from for awhile and wish them a Merry Christmas. You may never know how much of a difference that could make to them

in their world.

Let the true meaning of Christmas shine through in all you say and all you do.

On behalf of town council, my wife Kim and myself we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

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**Community Advent Service**

Sunday, November 30 - 7:00 pm

**ZionKids Christmas Program**

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Sunday, December 14 - 10:45 am

**Seniors 65+ Christmas Luncheon**

Saturday, December 20 - noon  
Tickets available at the church office

**Christmas Drama**

"Foolish Wivesman"  
Sunday, December 21 - 10:45 am

**Christmas Helpers Dates to Note**

Gift Wrapping Sunday, December 21 - 7 pm  
Assembly/Delivery Monday, Dec. 22 - 10 am

**Candlelight Service**

Wednesday, December 24 - 7:00 pm  
Come early and visit over a cup of hot apple cider.

**Christmas Dinner**

Elks Hall Thursday, December 25 - 1:00 pm

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constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL** - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

**DIDSBURY TOPS** Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 403-335-4487 or Rosemary 403-335-2835.

**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 403-335-4270.

**KING HIRAM LODGE #21** has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S.** Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281.

**DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES** Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

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**DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE** Supper Meeting - 4th Thursdays, Regular Meeting - 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month. Call 335-4676 for info.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN.** View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

**DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC** - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall,

Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 403-335-8484 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

**HALL RENTALS:** Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

**RUGBY HALL RENTALS CALL.** Della @ 403-335-8767, for meetings, family events or reunions.

• **5-0 Club Hall Rentals.** For hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Schumaker 403-335-2861. • To Rent **Didsbury Elks Hall.** Call Ray Vipond. 403-335-8082. • To Rent **St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Hall.** contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745. • To Rent the **Lone Pine Hall.** which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190. • To Rent **Mountain View Community Hall** for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 403-335-8860. • The **Fallen Timber Community Hall** offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for info at 403-637-2270.

• **SHARE A LITTLE MAGIC, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Spend one hour a week with a child at school. Have fun together - play games, shoot some hoops, draw, read or do crafts. Mentoring works! Call Mountain View Mentoring at 403-586-0110. Volunteers needed in Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Oids & Sundre. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Innisfail.

**DIDSBURY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALISTS** invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave. 36th

**DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE** #317 Regular meeting at

7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Karen Smith 403-556-7331

**ALANON:** For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3782.

**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday

of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

**3025 RCACC** Didsbury Army Cadets Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

**ADULT HALL WALKING** at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Also free blood sugar testing on Mondays. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM** OPEN 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tues and Wed., Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Joan 403-335-6644 or Shirley 403-335-3277

**DIDSBURY & DISTRICT** Community bus. Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

**DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S** meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

**MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS** Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

**PARENT LINK CENTER** Drop in play. FREE Playtime for Parents and Preschoolers (newborn to 6 yrs). Morning, afternoon and evening playtimes available at Didsbury Neighbourhood Place, bay 2, 2030 17 ave. contact Linda 403-586-5466

**IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT** or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

**BABY DROP IN** starting in September @ Didsbury Neighbourhood Place from 9:30 to 11:30 on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month. A great opportunity to have your baby weighed, talk to a public health nurse & meet other new parents of babies.

**DIDSBURY MUSEUM** will be closing for tours on September 30 to allow us to do electrical work throughout the building. However, our office will remain open during the winter months for business and research on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10:00am - noon and 1pm - 4pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER** 1p.m. at the Didsbury Elks Hall. A day of fun, fellowship and food for everyone and anyone who is either alone or would like somewhere to go on Christmas Day. Please contact either Donnelly at 403-335-8299 or Ursula at 403-335-0014 if you need more information. No Charge! 51-52

**BERGTHAL MENONITE CHURCH** - Sunday school program/hymn sing: Dec. 21 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service 7:00 p.m. Christmas Day service 11:00 a.m. 52

**BOTTLE DRIVE** - Didsbury Scouts and Army Cadets, Saturday, January 10, 2009, 9:30 a.m. weather permitting. 52-1

**DECEMBER 24** - December 24, 7pm. Christmas Eve Service at the Bergthal Mennonite Church. 52

**THE POLYJESTERS** - February 21, 2009 at the DMC Multipurpose Room, 8:00pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Didsbury Library Society. Tickets call 403-335-4281 (evenings). 52-7

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## Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

### Anglican Church of Canada

#### St. Cyprian's

2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664  
Rector - Bev Bonnie S. Luft  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.  
Mid-week service every third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.  
St. Cyprian's is a small, friendly Christian Community who welcomes newcomers.  
Sunday School will start back in September.

### Knox United Didsbury

1406 - 19th Avenue  
Minister Nancy Nourse  
Please join our church family for worship, 10 a.m. each Sunday.  
Nursery Care available for infants and toddlers.  
Sunday school provided for ages 3-17.  
For information about mid-week programming for children, youth and adults please call 335-8373 or see our website at www.knox-united.com.

### West Zion Mennonite Church

South of Didsbury to sign - West 1.5 miles  
Pastor Trevor Kruka, info - 337-2020  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery available during service  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

### Bergthal Mennonite Church

Didsbury, Alberta  
5km S of the Didsbury Overpass,  
8km E on Bergthal Rd.  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Pastor: Elwin Garland  
For more information ph. - 335-4451

### Redeemer Lutheran

LUTHERAN CHURCH CANADA  
1500 - 23 ST. • Rev. Robert Mohs  
Church: 335-3161 / Res. 335-3656  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Jr. & Sr. Youth, Women's & Seniors' Ministry Group  
Small Group Bible Study meetings throughout the week

### Mountain View Evangelical

#### Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan  
Office: 335-4422  
Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.  
For information concerning the weekly activities please call the Church Office.

### St. Anthony's Catholic

2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury.  
For more information please contact  
Claude Baril - 335-3842  
Catholic Women's League:  
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507  
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil - 335-8611

### Chinook Winds Christian Centre

1710 - 14th Street Didsbury  
SUNDAY CELEBRATION - 10 a.m.  
Prophetic Worship and Bible Teaching for all ages  
• Nursery Services •  
Ph/Fax - 335-3551 • Email - cwc@airnet.com  
Pastoral Team Richard & Beth Kope  
SEE YOU AT THE CENTRE!

### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Corner Hwy 582 & 20th Ave.  
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org  
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor  
John Reimer, Associate Pastor  
(Life Groups & Worship)  
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor  
(Global Connections & Youth)  
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries  
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School for all ages 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:45 am  
...with Children's Programs for up to Grade 6

**Thank You**  
The Mountain View  
Food Bank Society  
would like to thank the  
**CPR & Town of  
Didsbury**  
for sponsoring the  
**CPR HOLIDAY TRAIN.**

Thank you to all the  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
who braved the extreme cold,  
and to the **DONORS** who  
made it a very successful  
fund raising event.



**SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**



Sunday, Dec. 21  
to Saturday, Dec. 27  
Closed Christmas Day

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**Mudry - Doug**

December 9, 1950 - December 2, 2007

There is a bridge of memories  
From here to heaven above,  
That keeps you very close to us  
It's called the bridge of love.  
As time goes by without you  
And days turn to years,  
They hold a million memories  
And a thousand silent tears.  
To us you were so special  
What more is there to say,  
Except to wish with all our hearts  
That you were here today.  
Forever in our hearts,  
Missing you with love, Wanda, Rhonda & David, Lucas &  
Ryanne, Stacey & Duane, George & Dennis, and Randi.

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**Bonny Gwendolyn Hartmann**

of Didsbury passed away on Dec. 17, 2008, at the age of 51 years. Bonny was born Sept. 23, 1957 in Gainsborough, Sask. She was the second of five children.

From her arrival here on earth, to her departure back home, Bonny lived each and every day giving of herself. She loved her Lord and wanted desperately to share that love with each and every person she had the privilege of knowing. We her family are so very blessed to have the faith and strength that she instilled in each of us to help us deal with the huge void we now feel in our lives, and we thank God for the amazing gift we call daughter - sister - mom - granny - wife.

In compliance with Bonny's wishes there will be no funeral service. Memorial Tributes may be made to the Tom Baker Cancer Clinic or wherever you feel that there is someone in need. Arrangements entrusted with Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury. Phone 403-335-4773.

**Holiday joy.**

The Holidays are a time when families get even closer. And we know a thing or two about close families, because not only do we serve them, but we are one. Our family wishes your families the closest Holiday yet.

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5226-46th St., Olds

**403-335-4773**

**403.556.3223**



Tom Peters



Brittany Williscroft

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130. Coming Events

**NEW YEARS EVE** Family Fun 7:00-9:00pm. Free swimming and skating at Didsbury Memorial Complex. All are welcome! Call 403-556-4042 for info. Sponsored by Word of Life Church.

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**Nelson - Teddy Ross**

December 23, 1992

Treasured memories never die  
as years roll on and days pass by.  
Your loving memory I'll always keep.

Lovingly remembered  
by your wife and  
best friend Jessie

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**HUBBARD, Francis (Frank)**

November 10, 1927 -  
December 11, 2008

Francis Hubbard of Didsbury, AB passed away on Thursday, December 11, 2008 at the age of 81 years. Francis was born on November 10, 1927 in Surry, England. He served with the Royal Navy for twenty-two years. In 1969 Francis and Agnes immigrated to Canada, settling in Calgary. Francis worked twenty-five years for Sears Canada as a Service Technician retiring in 1994. In 1979 their family moved to Airdrie and in 1998 Francis and Agnes retired in Didsbury.

Francis is survived by his two sons and daughters-in-law, Rhod and Cindy, and Ken and Wendy; grandson Justin; and sister Grace Appleyard. Francis was predeceased by his wife Agnes in 2004; sister Vera in 1996; and parents May and Francis.

Funeral Services were held at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY'S, Airdrie Funeral Chapel (300 Towerlane Drive, Airdrie, AB) on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Forward condolences through [www.mcinnisandholloway.com](http://www.mcinnisandholloway.com).

In living memory of Francis Hubbard, a tree will be planted at Fletcher Park, Airdrie by Airdrie Funeral Home, 300 TOWERLANE DRIVE, AIRDRIE. Telephone: (403) 948-1100.

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**"THE POLYJESTERS"**  
February 21, 2009 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Multipurpose Room at 8:00 p.m. Cash Bar. Tickets \$15.00 per person. Sponsored by the Friends of the Didsbury Library Society. Tickets available at the Didsbury Library or call 403-335-4281 (evenings only).

To Advertise Call 335-3301

300. Lost &amp; Found

**LOST: COPPER BRASS** swirl pendant with a few rhinestones on the front with swirls of red-brown colour. Necklace is of multi strands of cord in beige and brown shades. Lost in the snow in front of the Anglican Church on Sunday Dec. 7th, 2008. It is of great sentimental value. If you have found this please call Margo at 403-556-5201

5003. Real Estate Misc.

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The parents of  
**Nicole Arbuckle &  
Kyle Christensen**  
are pleased to  
announce the engagement  
of their children.  
Wedding to take place  
on Sept 5, 2009.



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**LONE PINE HALL  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
PARTY**

5:30 Cocktails • 7:00 Supper  
Dance to the live band  
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**HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY  
December 27th, 2008  
Mel & Elaine Dick**



**Congratulations with love  
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5170. Duplex / 4-plex for rent

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5600. Commercial

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